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Four States Stamp In November

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF STATEHOOD



1889 — 1939

A design similar to this, with different illustrations for each of the four states.

Just a single stamp is to be issued in November, for the four States of

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WASHINGTON**

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NOVEMBER 8, 1889

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All orders which are on hand for filling on our subscription plan will be filled with this latter cover which will be suitable for use in any state. Then those who wish additional covers for different states may order the set of eight covers at the special price at which it will be offered. This plan will give all an opportunity to get just the envelopes they may desire for this new stamp.

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Linprint Booster Page

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Naturally, what most dealers are wondering about right now is the prospect for business in the coming months. It so happens that the writer was an active stamp dealer in the years before and after, also during the world war of 1914-18. The situation today is identical with that period, so far as matters have progressed and by all rules we can believe that the same pattern will repeat itself in the coming years.

Knowing by experience is perhaps a lot better than having to guess at matters and my recollections are that business throughout the war years of 1914-18 was exceptionally good in the stamp business. We all know that the years following were good years up till the crash of 1929.

It would seem inevitable that a country which prepares its major plants for the production of war materials, concentrates on such production rather than on the general upbuilding of its products for home use and consumption is going to have to suffer severely when the war ends unless by being forewarned in this instance, our industrial leaders can see far enough ahead to plan to ward off the eventual crash that would be expected to follow such a situation.

Big business always goes ahead with the idea that it can provide employment provided the people will continue to purchase commodities and thus create demand for manufactured articles that will keep the plants busy running. So long as people are employed they will buy and spend practically all they make so that if something does not upset the even tenor of our ways we should be able to move along on an even keel indefinitely.

However we all know that there was a crash in 1929, more than ten years after the end of the world war. It came following a period of many years of great prosperity which started to gain momentum at the time the world war broke out.

It is reasonable to believe that the present situation will follow closely along the former lines, that we will have a period of prosperity during the war and doubtless for some time after it is over because employment will have to be heavy at good wages and should continue for some time following the war, because America

will be called upon for much in the way of every kind of merchandise for general use until other countries can again get on their feet and get started. The stamp dealer then, should have a prosperous period of several years and the one best way to get his share of business will be to go after it. Stamp values will be affected by the conflict, but the trend in price should be up, rather than down.

Following the conflict, we can look for a situation similar to what we had following the world war. Experience through that period should help those who went through the period and know by actual experience, what happened and how.

People who have made money should be careful to conserve it and not enter in the speculative scramble that always pops up where money is plentiful. It was a situation of this sort that brought about the crash of 1929 and it can happen again unless the great general public will refrain from a speculative orgy.

Many of my remarks will be recognized as fact by the older line of dealers who passed through the previous period, but we have hundreds of younger dealers today who were in their teens in those days and who will have to either learn by experience, which is a costly teacher, or follow the advice of those who have had the experience.

We might also remember the fact that following the world war in Europe, postage stamps turned out to be one of the best things any person could own and were in many instances far better than money, such as was being issued, also that during our depression period which started following our 1929 crash, that stamps were recognized by wealthy men as being one of the most sound investments available.

WE LIKE IT CLOTH BOUND BEST

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make a book that any collector can be proud to own. We anticipate seeing future editions of this remarkable catalogue all coming in handsome cloth bound copies.

FULL PAGES BRING BUSINESS

Last week, the front page space was taken by the Stamp House of Buffalo, N. Y. A couple years ago this firm used space regularly in each issue of Linn's and their frequent use of this front page space brought them heaps of business. If you have overlooked their advertisement, dig up last week's paper and see the offers of choice U. S. items that they make.

This week, the back page is used by the Mint Sheet Brokerage Company of Cleveland, Ohio, to feature their popular HI-HAT Auctions and to celebrate their third anniversary. Incidentally, you should see a copy of their Weekly Quotation Bulletin to keep posted on stamp values.

Richard Guthke of this city is planning a full page during this month in which he will have a large variety of interesting offers. Dick has just purchased another large collection which will be broken up.

Next week, the KenMore Stamp Co., Inc., of Kenmore, New York, will use a full page to feature all the much wanted GEORGE VI sets. This will be an interesting page as the stamps are offered in both long and short sets to fit the wants of all classes of collectors.

Dealers who want business will find no better medium than a page in Linn's Weekly Stamp News. The extremely low rate for the large circulation provided can not be equalled in any other publication and we can recommend use of page spaces for those dealers who are prepared to handle the resulting business.

A full page at transient rates is priced at \$50.00 yet by sending cash with order you are entitled to a 20% discount which makes the cost only \$40.00. If on annual contract, a page is but \$42.50 and is billed subject to 20% discount for prompt payment, making the final cost only \$34.00. Where can you buy as much space and as much circulation for so low a price?

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South African Pigeon Posts

By PARK SMITH

SOUTH AFRICA has had three Pigeon Posts officially recognized by the post office department of the Union. The first was in connection with the Peace Celebration of August 2, 1919. The messages were carried in small containers fastened to each pigeon's leg, the birds being supplied by the Western Province Homing Union. I have in my collection the message from the Mayor of Capetown to the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg sent on



that occasion. The Union's postal service handled this mail, applying a special marking. A tablet in center of Adderly Street, main street of Capetown, commemorates the fact that on this spot peace was declared twenty years ago.

The second South African Pigeon Post to receive official recognition was that of May 12, 1937, Coronation Day, as part of the Union's celebration of the Coronation on that date of King George VI in London, England. The flight was made from Worcester, near Capetown, to The Strand, the winning bird making



the distance in two hours, two minutes and 10 seconds. Each pigeon carried a message, the entrant paying four shillings, six pence for the privilege. This sum was given to the Hottentots Holland Hospital Fund by the Hottentots Holland Homing Union, sponsors of the flight. On the arrival of the birds at the Strand, the message was removed, placed in an envelope specially printed for that purpose, stamp affixed and mailed to the person who had paid the original 4/6. On each of the covers appears

a triangular purple cachet authorized by the Postmaster General and inscribed "PIGEON POST — DUIWEPOS — STRAND." 199 messages were carried in all. These were small slips of paper with printed inscription and signed by a representative of the Hottentots Holland Homing Union. They were held to the pigeon's leg by being rolled and fastened with a rubber band. Outer wrapper, message, cover and rubber band were all numbered serially.

The third Pigeon Post took place December 7, 1938, as part of the Dingaan's Day and Voortrekker Centenary celebra-



tions. Early that morning a number of pigeons were released carrying copies of the Danskraal Vow, and at exact time of re-enactment of the Vow, 80 more were released to fly to all parts of Natal. The 1/2d plus 1/2d Voortrekker semi-postal stamp shows the Church of the Vow, built as a result of this historic assemblage's promise of December 7, 1838. At Danskraal near the Blood



River the pioneer voortrekkers had vowed:

"Here before the God of heaven and earth, we stand and wish to make a Vow to Him that if He would protect us and deliver our enemies to us, we would consecrate this day as a Day of Thanksgiving and as a Sabbath, and that we would erect a Temple in His honor which would please Him.

"We would also let our children take part with us in this day of Thanksgiving and this will be continued by generations to come, because His name will thereby be glorified, as the honor of the victory is due to Him."

On December 16, 1838, the native chieftan Dingaan who had treacherously

massacred earlier settlers, attacked the voortrekkers' camp at dawn. An estimated 10,000 to 12,000 Zulus were under his command. The emigrant force of men was a few less than 500, but nevertheless beat the enemy, taking a toll of 3,000 in dead, while only three of the emigrants were wounded. Dingaan is pictured on recent South African issues, along with other scenes connected with the Great Trek. The Church erected in fulfillment of the promise is now a museum.

First Rocket Stamp Due October 15

The special stamp Cuba is planning to issue to commemorate the first Rocket Mail flight in the republic is to be issued apparently on October 15, information reaching Howard B. Keller of Newark, N. J., states. The stamp will be a 10 centavo stamp, overprinted on a 5c. The Club Filatelico de la Republica de Cuba, Obispo No. 307, Dept. 4, Havana is accepting orders for these. The stamps will be sold at 10c; covers flown at 50c; first day cover 25c and "souvenir sheet" 20c. Since several of LINN'S readers have inquired about these stamps and the flight we print this information, but make no guarantees of course. It is not our policy to advertise flight covers or mention free, covers which are charged for.

Brokerage Anniversary

This week we carry the ad of the Mint Sheet Brokerage Co of Cleveland, celebrating their third anniversary. This firm is unique in philately and despite doubts cast at first by many it has progressed until its price recordings are accepted as true valuations of U. S. mint sheets. Imitators have come and gone, but the firm continues to satisfy a growing number of participators in its unique "Bid and Asked" feature of the Weekly Quotation Bulletin. At a time when there is a large turnover in wholesale lots of recent U. S. issues, this company has filled a real need in philately. Linn's congratulates them.

Mint—COMPLETE SETS—Mint

Barbados Tercentenary	(5)	\$.25
Belgium Rubens	(8)	1.10
Belgium Red Cross	(8)	1.10
Belgium Orval Abby	(6)	1.25
China U. S. Constitution	(4)	.38
Cuba Cigar	(3)	.12
Ecuador San Francisco Fair	(13)	1.25
Ecuador New York Fair	(13)	1.25
France U. S. Constitution	(1)	.12
France New York Fair	(1)	.10
Greenland #1 to 7 (First Issue)	(7)	.55
Guatemala U. S. Constitution sheet	(7)	.70
Haiti U. S. Constitution	(1)	.20
Honduras U. S. Constitution	(1)	.35
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U. S. Mails Sunk

The sinking on the night of Sept. 15, of the Belgian motor vessel "Alex Van Opstal" resulted in the loss of 57 sacks of mail originating in the U. S. as well as 15 sacks of mail in transit from other foreign countries. The mails left New York City on the ship on Sept. 6 and included letter mail for Belgium, Congo and Luxembourg, received in the New York office after 1 P. M., Sept. 2. The ship was enroute to Antwerp when sunk.

Chicago Stamp Show

Opening at 5:30 P. M., Friday, October 13, in the ball room of the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, will be the annual stamp show of the Chicago Philatelic Society. The show and bourse will continue through Saturday and Sunday, October 14-15. Other events will be meetings of the Visiting Firemen of Philately and Footloose Filatelists on Friday evening; Precancel Stampede sponsored by the Chicago Precancel Club all day Saturday; 10:30 P. M. the much advertised "Rajpeepla" (Editor's Note: Which we understand will leave you feeling the way the stamps of that Indian state look); Precancel Luncheon Sunday at 1 P. M., along with other precancel activities, etc.

A rather unusual philatelic label has been prepared, being a black and green engraved label in center of small sheet, the design depicting one of the famous Street Car Railway Post Office cars of Chicago. Obtainable at 10c each or three for 25c of C. P. S. Stamp Show, 1611 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

French Stamps for F. D. R.

President Roosevelt was recently given a collection of stamps of France of recent years by the French Minister of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones. The album was handed Postmaster General Farley during his tour of Europe to be presented to the President upon his return to the U. S. A peculiar feature of the collection was inclusion of one new commemorative which at time of presentation had not yet been issued.

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Ecuador San Francisco World's Fair (13)	1.50
Ecuador Olympics (10)	1.50
Finland "Delaware" (1)	.30
Finland "Health" (1)	.30
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Four States Stamp To Be Issued In Novel Manner

It was officially announced Sept. 30 that the Four States Stamp would be placed on sale for the first time in the capitals of the four states on their respective anniversary dates as follows:—

Bismarck, North Dakota, Nov. 2
Pierre, South Dakota, Nov. 2
Helena, Montana, Nov. 8
Olympia, Washington, Nov. 11

In order to conform to the variation in the dates of admission, the sales of the stamp will be restricted to the anniversary dates above. At close of business of each office on above dates, the stamp will be withdrawn from sale until Nov. 13 when the stamp will go on sale throughout the country.

Each city named above will use on first day covers sent on those dates a special cancellation stating date of that state's admission:—"North Dakota admitted to the Union November 2, 1889" being the one for use at Bismarck.

Usual rules apply to first day cover sendings:—Postmasters will accept up to 10 covers which should be marked in pencil in upper right corners in figures to indicate number of stamps to be affixed; stamps not acceptable as remittance; covers must be addressed; odd or unusually large or small envelopes not to be used.

Cicero-Berwyn Exhibit

The Fourth Annual Exhibition of the Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society will be held Nov. 11-12 at the Olympic Bldg., 2136 S. 61st Ct., Cicero, Ill. Entries close Nov. 5 and prospectus and list of classifications may be obtained by inquiry of Roman Reinowski, 1939 S. Highland Ave., Berwyn. Grand Award will be a large silver cup.

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ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Under this heading we will list all scheduled annual events if the clubs will advise us promptly of their exhibitions, etc. For this publicity to do the most good it should be printed here about two weeks prior to date of the event and in order to be in at that time we should be advised no later than one month prior to the date set. Space does not permit listing the same affair for a number of weeks, but if advised early we will list your event once in the next issue possible after you advise us and then insert the notice again in the three issues prior to the date. Thus, information can be sent us as early as you please and a maximum of publicity will result. Remember please this is a weekly, not a daily, and items received for publication cannot therefore reach print the same day or sometimes the same week they are received.

Chicago, Ill.—Precancel Stampede of Chicago Precancel Club, Hotel LaSalle, Oct. 14-15.

Chicago, Ill.—CHIEPEX, Exhibition and bourse, Central Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hotel LaSalle, Feb. 16-17-18.

Chicago, Ill.—Exhibition and "Rajpeela" of Chicago Phil. Soc., Hotel LaSalle, Oct. 13-14-15.

Leominster, Mass.—Annual Meeting of Central New England Stamp Clubs Association at the City Hall, Oct. 12. First annual exhibit of Wachusett Philatelic Society in conjunction.

Miami, Okla.—Oklahoma Philatelic Society Convention, Oct. 20, 21 and 22 at Hotel Miami and Legion Hall.

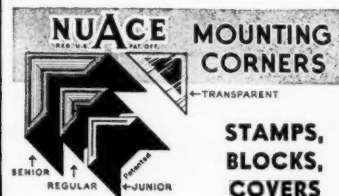
Philadelphia, Pa.—Mizpah Exchange and Correspondence Club Exhibition, Oct. 16-21, lobby of Liberty Title & Trust Co.

Wichita, Kans.—Eighth Annual Exhibition, Wichita Stamp Club, Hotel Lassen, Nov. 16-19.

Wilkinsburg, Pa.—First annual open house and exhibition, George Westinghouse Stamp Club, at Westinghouse Club, Oct. 6-7-8.

Youngstown, O.—Annual Open House and Exhibition of the Mahoning Valley S. C. at Hotel Ohio, Oct. 21-22.

• The flower shown on the new 2 centavos Guatemala stamp is the national flower, "Monja Blanca" (White Nun).



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American Airmail Society Convention

Conventions come and go. Many of them are just another convention. A few are of such note for one or more particular reasons that they stand out prominently in the minds of those attending them, and are the subject of many a conversation and reminiscence for years to come.

If we are to judge from the comment of numerous visitors, from the favorable comparison made by many of them with other conventions, and from the highly commendatory letters received from a number of the national officers, this convention is destined to go down in history as an extremely successful one, and for several reasons. In the first place, the beauty of the Hall of Mirrors made an ideal setting for the exhibit which was arranged on three rows of tables down the entire length of the hall. Another individual feature was the fact that for the first time at a stamp convention, there was also an exhibit of fine ancient coins. The latter were displayed on the center row of tables, flat, while the framed stamp exhibits were displayed standing up, and at a slight angle, back to back. As a result, one entering the hall had a clear view of the coins in the center, and of the stamp exhibits on either side, and could then follow his inclination as to what he preferred to see. The bourse tables were arranged around the walls of the hall, opposite the exhibits, thereby assuring circulation of the visitors past both the tables and the exhibits. Dealers were present from New York City, Detroit, Louisville, Peoria, Warren (Ohio), Jamaica (N. Y.), Evansville, Ind., Winnipeg, and other cities. Visitors came from Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, New York City, Norfolk, Washington, Springfield, Mass., and other equally distant cities. Many of these cities sent a surprisingly large delegation. Toronto, Ontario, sent two delegates who made a strong bid for the next convention, which matter was however not decided.

Naturally, as is usually the case, the high-light of the convention was the annual banquet. It was held in the beautiful Pavillon Caprice of the Netherlands Plaza Hotel on Saturday night, September 2. William Stuart, Stamp Editor of the *Washington Post* had been scheduled to introduce Mr. Horwitz, who acted as Toastmaster, and in his absence Paul F. Robertson, the President of the American Airmail Society performed this duty. Mr. F. R. Jacobs, President of the Philatelic Society of Cincinnati, extended greetings in behalf of the members of his club, and stressed the educational value of stamp collecting. Willis Crosswhite, a past President of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, which cooperated wholeheartedly with the convention committee, delivered the welcome from his organization to the assembled guests, in the absence of Harry Brake, its President.

The guests of honor were: Martin J. Hogan, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, Cincinnati, speaking in behalf of Chas. J. Bocklet, the Postmaster; Hon. Charles P. Graddick, Superintendent of

the United States Airmail Service, and Hon. Robert E. Fellers, Superintendent of the Division of Stamps of the Post Office Department. Mr. Hogan has always been a true friend of the Cincinnati collectors, and in officiating at conventions has always met every demand made upon him. Mr. Graddick outlined the recent development of the airmail service, stressing the importance of the Atlantic clipper service, and of the contemplated New Zealand clipper route scheduled for the near future. He mentioned the inclusion of Bermuda on the South Atlantic schedule, although the notice was too short to permit the sending of first flight covers. Mr. Fellers delivered an interesting talk about the various stamps scheduled for release the balance of this year.

Joseph B. Shirley, Chairman of the Exhibition, made the announcement of the awarding of the various certificates, first, second, and honorable mention. The certificates had already been tacked on the various frames in the Exhibition Hall, so that visitors might know the winners.

The judges of the Exhibition, appointed by President Paul F. Robertson, were: H. H. Griffin, of Cleveland, Chairman; Donald Dickason, Wooster, O.; and Chas. G. Riess, Albany, N. Y. They were allowed wide latitude in making awards, hence some classes received only honorable mention. The trophy of the Cleveland Airmail Society was awarded to Robert Flinn for his crash cover collection, and the trophy of the Tony Jannus Chapter of St. Petersburg, Fla., was awarded to Edward S. Horwitz for

his Zeppelin cover collection. After the dinner, the American Airlines, Inc., exhibited their movie entitled, "Modern Air Transportation in Action."

Throughout the three days of the convention, visitors were busy mailing cards, letters, and souvenirs with the special cachet of the convention, and to obtain the special convention post office cancellation.

All in all, it was a fine convention, judged by any standard. Cincinnati was deeply honored and very grateful for the opportunity of playing host, and did its humble best to see that everybody had a fine time.—Edward S. Horwitz.

Czech Rarity Stolen

An autographed Czecho-Slovak stamp, termed "priceless" and intended for President Roosevelt, was stolen recently from the Czecho-Slovakian Pavilion at the World's Fair.

The stamp, one of 1,000, had been autographed by the former President Edward Benes and marked "No. 1." The stamp, mounted and framed, had hung on the wall of the office of George Janeczek, Czecho-Slovakian commissioner to the fair.—Edwin Brooks.

• W. J. Brodie, Garfield-Perry's oldest active member, entertains this Cleveland, Ohio, club on October 13. Having collected, U. S., foreign, "and experience," for the last 50 years, he promised to open the eyes of his juniors. Among his unusual items is a sheet of the 1c 1857.

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Oct. 12—General Sale. Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City. This is a change in date originally scheduled for Oct. 11.

Oct. 13—Mail Sale. Y. Souren Co., 394 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

Oct. 25—U. S., Canada. Fred E. Farnham,
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Possessing one of the most complete plate number collections in existence of United States Commemoratives, Mr. Dickson specialized in other country's issues, his favorites being semi-postals of the world. The scope of his collections and his knowledge of them often surprised acquaintances. A little known activity was his interest in junior collectors.

Funeral services were expected to be Saturday, Sept. 30, Harry E. Huber advises. To his wife, Mrs. Vera Dickson and his daughter, Miss Mary Jane Dickson, we extend our sincere sympathies.

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Editor's Notebook

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has brought forth a great amount of discussion and comment because of his proposal for the judging of stamp exhibitions. Phil goes so far as to insist that the prime consideration in allotting the prizes to be awarded should be rarity of the stamps shown.

I can not conceive of any stamp collector agreeing with such an idea for there are so many arguments, all sound, against any such plan that it would seem that no one would ever even think of placing rarity as the prime factor.

The only out that we would consider as possible for Mr. Ward would hinge on his definition of "Rarity". To us, rarity is, in the minds of most people, probably gauged by price or value more than by anything else. Thus if a stamp sells for \$100 or \$5000 it is a rarity. We all know that many low priced stamps, even stamps priced under one dollar

are quite difficult to find for the collector who is attempting to complete a country, yet we do not believe that under any general plan, such stamps would be considered as rarities.

Therefore if we must admit that rarity is merely a matter of value and that value is the prime thing that should be considered in judging a collection, then why even judge the collection? Let the judges take note of the men who are exhibiting, scan their bank accounts and their other assets, determine which of the men have the most assets and give the prize to the richest, for certainly if the richest man wanted to have the most rarities to show at a stamp show, he could afford to buy more of them than any of the other men who had less money than he had and therefore he is entitled to the prize.

Far be it from us to dispute the fact that what we know as rarities are to be looked upon lightly. We enjoy seeing such collections and admire the men who have built such collections, but we do consider it quite unfair that such collections should be entered into competition with collections of common stamps or that is general collections or collections by countries which are of no great value but which can and do frequently require as much work and research as to assemble a collection of rarities.

To our mind, the British Penny Black, the first issues of Bavaria and many other similar stamps because of their age and quaintness are the equals of any of the rarities in genuine interest, yet they are not classed as rarities in the general sense of the word.

If rarity is to be gauged solely by value and it is apparent that this is the manner in which rarity has been judged, then it certainly is time that exhibitions should provide a class for such showing and eliminate them from competition with the commoner of the early classic stamps which hold equal interest, yet are more plentiful.

If judging stamp collections were left up to the general public who see stamp shows, few collections of rarities would ever win a prize.

Something about your plan for judging is certainly all wet.

—G.W.L.

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THE STAMP SEASON IS IN FULL swing once more. The return of our Annual Events Calendar last week is proof enough. There are so many annual exhibitions that to be fair to all clubs we have had to limit somewhat the space given each, but collectors being reasonable folk, we anticipate no kicks. Want to do a favor? Then remind your club secretary or publicity director that it's the early bird that gets the—nope, not a worm but it's equivalent—publicity. We receive many notices of events after the forms have closed for the last LINN'S that would appear before the event.

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The 3c Hawaii light purple, rotary press, perf. 10½ x 11, was issued at Honolulu on October 18, 1937, and 75,000,000 were ordered printed from plates 21710-11-12-13. There were 320,334 first day covers canceled. The stamp was taken off the Philatelic Agency's lists on July 31, 1939. Total issued 78,454,450.

(continued next week)

Blake Battles Moves

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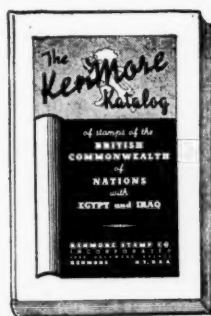
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- 10c. lilac

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

TURKEY—Commemoration of the Annexation of Hatay. Under-noted stamps have been overprinted with an inscription which forms a hollow square, reading "HATAYIN-ANAVATAN—KAVUSMASI—23/7/1939." New numerals of value have been placed over the old ones:

- A74—3K. on 25ku. olive-brown
- A75—6K. on 200ku. dark-green & black
- A74—7½K. on 25ku. olive-brown
- A75—12K. on 100ku. olive-green & black
- A75—12½K. on 200ku. dark-green & black
- A75—17½K. on 500ku. chocolate & black

(Benjamin T. Baroddy)

Note: Our readers are also referred to the last chronicle of the stamps of Hatay, overprinted to commemorate this annexation, as they no doubt should be listed under Turkey.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—New Shades. Size of stamp as before, rotogravure, perf. 14½x14¼. Both are re-engraved:

- ½d. green & gray-brown (White faced Springbok)
- 1d. deep carmine-rose & gray-brown

(R. Roberts)

URUGUAY—New Design. Lithographed, perf. 12½:

- 1c. blue (Artigas)
- 5c. chocolate (same)
- 10c. green (same)

(H. G. Spanton)

VATICAN CITY—Warning of Fraudulent Stamps. There has been no issue of mourning stamps for the late Pope Pius XI and stamps of either the 1929 or 1933 issues with black mourning borders are fraudulent productions. (Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS—Postage Due Stamps. Upright rectangular format, recess printed, perf. 14x13:

- 5c. bright blue
- 10c. turquoise blue
- 15c. carmine
- 20c. black
- 30c. ultramarine

- 50c. green
 - 60c. deep purple
 - 1Fr. deep violet
 - 2Fr. red-orange
 - 3Fr. blue
- (Scott's Monthly Supplement)

First Cuban Exposition

The first stamp exhibition ever held in Cuba will open its doors on November 7 at the Lyceum Club in Havana. The show, titled First Philatelic Exposition, is being sponsored by the Club Filatelico de la Republica de Cuba and will remain open one week, closing on the 14th. The finest Cuban collections are expected among entries by both Cuban and foreign exhibitors. A philatelic label sheet will be issued, but no details are ready at this time. Further information may be obtained by writing the Secretary, Richard Milian, Havana. Other members of the committee are LINN's well-known new issue correspondent, Rafael R. Garcia, and Dr. Ernesto Bello, aerophilatelist engaged at present in arranging the Rocket flight announced elsewhere.

Portuguese Presidentials

Despite its unnecessarily high face value, the 20 escudo value of the recent Portuguese Colonials commemorating the visit of President Carmona, were sold out quickly. In Mozambique, the stamp lasted just six days. 2500 copies had been printed. The .80, 1.75 and 3 escudo values were issued in much larger quantities. Purpose of the 20 e. value was not explained, the 3 e. making the airmail letter rate.

• Bernard R. Schaefer, Secretary of the Postal Stationery Society of America, will talk on that specialty at the Oct. 23 meeting of the Gateway Philatelic Society, Wilson Park Fieldhouse, Chicago.

• Mexico's Printing commemorative series includes an illustration of part of the oldest known print printed in the Western Hemisphere, nearly four centuries ago.

Hughes Resume Business

Starting up where they left off several weeks ago, the H. A. L. Hughes & Co., Peterborough, England, have resumed their advertising. Mails were found despite the war to be frequent and with little interruption or loss, so the firm decided to carry on as before the war started. The first of their ads appear this week.

Cigarette Tax Meter

The State of Ohio has commenced authorizing the use of meters to indicate payment of the state Cigarette Tax on packages of cigarettes. Starting in 1931 the state used at first adhesives, but these did not adhere very well to the cellophane wrappers; then a decalomania stamp was introduced in 1936 and recently a meter was introduced. The meter impression is in purple, on the bottom of the package, apparently stamped from a metal die. At top is "STATE OF OHIO"; in center the figure "2"; to left and right the word "CENTS" and above these "P. B. METER" and "20356" (which probably varies); and across bottom "CIGARETTE TAX." The whole is enclosed in a horizontal rectangular border in simulation of the edge of a perforated stamp, size ¾x1¼ inches. To right is a series of straight lines at a sharp angle, probably made by some working part of the meter machine.

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T9	Bahamas	.19	T8 Jamaica	.05
T10	Bahamas	.16	T9 Jamaica	.10
T11	Bahamas	.02	T10 Jamaica	.10
T12	Bahamas	.05	T11 Jamaica	.10
T14	Bahamas	.12	T1 Malta	.03
T1	Bermuda	.06	T2 Malta	.09
T1	Br. Guiana	.05	T1 Montserrat	.03
T1	Br. Hon.	.04	T2 St. Helena	.06
T2	Br. Hon.	.03	T1 St. Kitts	.03
T4	Br. Hon.	.02	T2 St. Kitts	.05
T5	Br. Hon.	.05	T2 St. Lucia	.04
T1	Canada	.05	T2 St. Vincent	.05
T2	Canada	.05	T1 T. & Tobago	.06
T3	Canada	.24	T2 T. & Tobago	.04
T3a	Canada	5.50	T4 T. & Tobago	.05
T4	Canada	.07	T6 T. & Tobago	.03
T5	Canada	.30	T8 T. & Tobago	.03
T7	Canada	.50	T10 T. & Tobago	.04
80ly	Canada	1.00	T11 T. & Tobago	.04
T1	Cayman	1.25	T12 T. & Tobago	.02
T2	Cayman	.25	T13 T. & Tobago	.04
T4	Cayman	.05	T1 T. & Caicos	.10
T5	Cayman	.02	T2 T. & Caicos	.15
T6	Cayman	.05	T3 T. & Caicos	.04
T1	Ceylon	.02	T7 T. & Caicos	.04
T2	Ceylon	.03	T12 T. & Caicos	.04
T3	Ceylon	.05	T13 T. & Caicos	.11
T4	Ceylon	.02	T1 Virgin Is.	.05
T1	Dominica	.05	T1a Virgin Is.	.25
T3	Dominica	.03	T2 Virgin Is.	.12
T4	Dominica	.10	T1 Barbados	.05
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There is a feeling among the brethren of the precancel fraternity that we will garner quite a few recruits during the coming season. This thought is begot by the war and the steadily increasing prices in foreign. If there are any of LINN'S readers turning to precancels I want to point out the difference in the technique of collecting precancels and of collecting foreign. In the foreign field you buy your stamps mostly by the complete or nearly complete set and the limitation of the number of sets you buy depends on the bulge in your pocketbook. In precancels it is seldom that you can buy a complete set of anything unless it is something very common or unless you buy a collection. In other words, in precancels you go after them in a piecemeal fashion. The chase of writing here and looking there for a stamp or stamps to fill in a set is the zest of it all that keeps many collectors close adherents to the precancel field. So if you are going into precancels expect to readjust yourself to the extent of not taking your collecting in such large doses but oftener.

BODY BLOW

A LINN'S reader sent in a piece of mail that puts one more gray hair on the dome. The piece in question was franked with a Washington, D. C., B-121, that is a 1c past issue coil, and was post cancelled besides. Now being postcancelled is nothing to worry about but the manner in which this was done should cause us grave concern. It imitated in size and style a machine cancellation and in the rim of the circle where the legend and year date should be, "Sec. 562 PL&R" had supplanted the date. Now it is evident that the mailer of the advertising piece failed to have his printer put the necessary PL&R etc. where it should be and in order to get in the mail at the 1c rate, resorted to fixing up his metering machine in that manner, to avoid handstamping each piece. We shudder to think how the Post Office officials welcomed this piece of mailing because here must be the answer to their prayer in the low denomination class. Besides the stamp being totally ruined for reuse it of course was ruined as far as collectibility was concerned also. There is one consolation in this matter:—not every mailer has a cancelling machine.

HAND WRITTEN DATED

Mr. Frank German shows me a strip of five six-cent and an eight-cent Pres. New York Bureaus dated by hand in indelible pencil. The lettering looks like HCK SP 39. In looking this over, (much to your surprise maybe) something entered my mind. We have heard off and on that mail was going thru without the dating on it. Now couldn't it be quite possible that this was one of the

firms that was doing this thing and the P.O. finally caught up with them? It would take them just about that long to do that, and having done so, ordered them to apply the dating or cease using precancels. Not being equipped for such an emergency some poor mailing clerk or office boy got the job of marking each stamp. There is one thing about these hand-made datings and that is they never can have any value because if they would every person that could wield a pen would start scribbling himself into the profits.

NORTHERN N. Y.

The Upstate New York Precancel Club will hold its first big roundup Sunday, October 29th at Amsterdam, N. Y. All precancel collectors are invited. No place of meeting was designated but if we were going we would look in the Hotels first. To make sure write P. J. Bernabo, Clinton, N. Y.

CENTRAL OHIO MEET

Last warning to pre-cancel collectors in Ohio not to forget Sunday, October 15th. Put the little red string around your finger. Remember new meeting place is Chittenden Hotel. You will find it on High street at Spring St.

• A freak not known to exist in philatelic hands was exhibited by the government at the Baltimore P. S. S. Convention:—a sheet of Baltimore Bureau precancels with precancellation on only half the sheet.

Second Show Announced

The California Collectors Club, pleased at the interest and enthusiasm resulting from their first exhibition, earlier this year, have announced their second annual exhibition will be May 10, 11, and 12, 1940, at San Francisco. More classes and awards are promised. Information from them by addressing the club at Olympic Hotel, 230 Eddy St., San Francisco, Calif. All visiting collectors are welcome to their meetings every Friday evening at the Olympic, and they have dubbed themselves the "Friendly Club" to give you an idea of the welcome extended.

• The Swedish liner "Kungsholm" which was seized Sept. 26 by the British while enroute to Sweden from the United States carried one of sea post offices of the United States. The ship brought the Crown Prince of Sweden to the ceremonies last year which were marked by the issuance of the Swedish-Finnish Tercentenary stamps.

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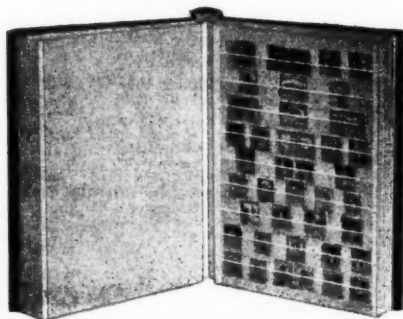
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New York philatelists have enjoyed for the last few years the stamp sections in the various newspapers. They have announced new issues, commented on the trade and gave news in general concerning philately throughout the world. One newspaper in particular which publishes a weekly stamp section is noted for the fine manner in which it announced and listed new issues. This usually occupied more than two full columns. In a recent issue this column was looked upon with amazement by New York philatelists as only two new issues were reported. This is indeed a sign of the devastating effect the European war is having on new issues.

New York dealers have been trying for the past few weeks to find a way of stimulating shipments of stamps to America. They have learned the only way they can accomplish this is by contacting some dealer in a neutral country. Reports show that for the past week the only stamps arriving in the United States were from Italy.

The Poland Scott No. 320-32, issued in honor of the 20th anniversary of Polish independence, has been lying ignored in dealers' stock books for months without buyers. Dealers, in order to stimulate sales of this item tried to sell this set below face value, and even then with meager results. Yet today there are actually no wholesale supplies of this set and retail stocks are dwindling. The same is now proving true in the case of most recent Polish issues and miniature sheets. Demand for Polish stamps is high.

Reports indicate that Poland packets which have heretofore been a drug on the philatelic market are now the most popular sellers and an acute shortage of these packets has now ensued. Even the cheap Polish stamps which have been very slow movers, are now rapidly disappearing from the market.

As I have noted in previous columns the Danzig "Reunion with Prussia" set was good. Dealers today are hoping they can buy this set at the former retail price, and in some cases even higher. Scott has this set listed for \$1.00 and dealers who still have some sets left in stock feel certain that this set will bring more than full catalogue.

F. W. Kessler of New York, prominent Airmail specialist, has been given the honor of disposing of the world famous airmail collection of Dr. Phillip G. Cole, in a two-day auction sale. The collection, thought unique, contains such items as a Buffalo Balloon cover. The albums alone have been estimated to cost about \$28,000. They will be offered as a separate lot grouped geographically or by single countries. The Colombian collection is so superb that it can hardly ever be duplicated and will therefore be sold intact. Every airmail rarity known to exist will be found in this collection. This sale will undoubtedly go down in history as companion of the Hind, Ferrari and Crocker collection auctions, though limited only to airmails.

The KenMore Catalogue of 1940 has been received in New York with widespread arms. The catalogue was, in the eyes of New York collectors, an exceptionally fine piece of work as the detail to which KenMore has devoted is a great help to British Colonial collectors.

Harrisburg Exhibition

The thirteenth annual exhibition by the Capital City Philatelic Society of Harrisburg, Pa., will be held in the State Museum Building, Oct. 18 to 21. A set of four exhibition labels may be obtained at 10c per set of Secretary Russell K. Bower, 1312 N. 15th St., Harrisburg. This club meets second and fourth Fridays at the Penn-Harris Hotel.

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Bethlen Commemoratives

On October 2 the Hungarian postal service planned to issue a series of four stamps titled the "Bethlen" set. The purpose of the series is not clear as none of the dates on the designs are exact anniversaries. The 6f plus 3f shows two memorial tablets; the 10f plus 5f shows the first translator of the Bible into Hungarian at work; the 20f plus 10f shows a 17th century author of a book of Hungarian psalms; the 32f plus 16f an early Bethlen, ruler of Transylvania; and the 40f plus 20f a female member of this famous Hungarian family. The series will continue to be issued until the end of December and will be acceptable for postage until next June 30. At a philatelic exhibition to open on October 28, a souvenir sheet containing these four stamps was to be issued. The exhibition is to be open only three days and only one sheet may be bought with each admission ticket. Issue of sheet is limited to 100,000 our Hungarian correspondent, Mark Revesz reports.

Coronation Echoes

Echoes of the Coronation stamps still are heard in the Union of South Africa according to the S. A. Philatelist. Legislators were perturbed by refusal of auditing officials to certify that £13,669 face value of Coronation stamps were actually destroyed as claimed. A committee finally decided the stamps had been destroyed, though there was no evidence that the contents of bags burnt were actually the Coronation stamps supposed to be in the bags.

BUSY IN ANOTHER HOBBY

In the program of the convention of the American Numismatic Association's New York Convention we note names of firms and persons familiar to stamp collectors, for a number of dealers handle coins as well as stamps, though not quite so large a proportion of collectors seem to follow both hobbies. H. E. MacIntosh of the Tatham Stamp & Coin Co. was planning on attending and we noted several other names familiar: Arthur W. Deas, Vahan Moesian, Inc., C. E. Hussman and J. C. Morgenthau & Co., Inc.

STAMP HOUSE BACK WITH US

The Stamp House of Buffalo, started off the fall season with a front page ad last week and have signed a year's contract. They have been advertisers in LINN's off and on for years, using the same front page space frequently and need we add—with good results?

LARGEST U. S. WHOLESALE'S LIST

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A LETTERHEAD

A letterhead that's different comes from Herman Herst, Jr., of New York City. Printed at the top of the letterhead in place of usual type arrangement is representation of an envelope about 3x6 inches. A label advertising Herst's stamp business imitates a stamp and this is cancelled by an imitation rubber stamp

cancel. When writing the letter the name and address is typed in the address space on the imitation envelope and date is inserted in center of "postmark."

PRICE LISTS

Elliott Walton, sends a copy of his new Wholesale Price List No. 24, issued in September, which he is currently advertising. Like his other lists, it features only 20th Century issues, almost all mint, and including many 1939 sets. Copy free to any dealer he states, by addressing him at 80 Nassau St., New York City.

Fritz Billing has opened a downtown office in New York City at that hive of philatelic activity: 116 Nassau St. It's Room 916 and at the same time he has issued a new wholesale list, mainly Europe and colonies, containing many things never seen in other lists.

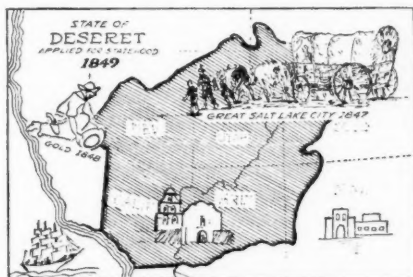
From Rev. E. A. Butler of St. George's, Newfoundland, comes the rector's price list of the stamps of his country in which he has dealt exclusively for years. His parish includes 300 families and 6 churches but he finds time for stamps.

Part 5 of Grossman's Wholesale Catalog No. 87 arrived the first week of September. It is up to the minute, even including Barbados' new commem. Copies of the catalog are free to dealers. Address Grossman Stamp Co., Inc., 102 W. 42nd St., New York City.

The American Philatelic Line, 71 W. 45th St., New York City, has begun issuance of a monthly house organ. A single sheet, it boasts special offers. They intend to extend it to news items and helpful hints to the trade, and the first one contains a good beginning in this regard.

Utah Labels Late

Even if their labels weren't on hand, appear from the printer until weeks after at time of their annual dinner, the Des- the dinner dishes had been dried. Phila-



eret Stamp Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, issued them anyway. The first batch had to be destroyed due to a mistake and the corrected edition didn't

telic label collectors can obtain these labels in sets of four colors at 10c per set from the Secretary, S. L. Ford, 256 E. Third South St., Salt Lake City.

• A navy mail clerk was authorized to commence handling of mails on board the U.S.S. Helena effective Sept. 18.

• Zanzibar has but one post office and consequently only one form of cancellation.

• Kentucky is giving its post office of OSCAR the gate on October 14. It's in Ballard County.

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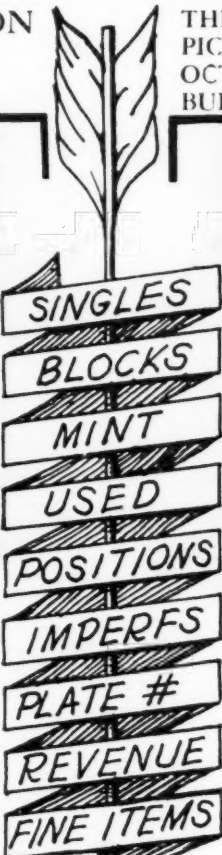
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